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MFMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Birector (Administration)

VIA:

General Counsel

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SUBJECT:

Proposed Revision of Figure 1 of CIA Regulation

1. The Regulations Control Staff informally referred to this Office the revised Secreey Agreement which has been approved by the Director but which had not specifically been coordinated with the Security Office. On 17 August 1954 the Security Office forwarded a draft of the Secrecy Agreement to the Office of General Counsel. It is understood that Mr. Houston discussed this draft with the Director in September and the Director suggested certain changes, particularly in reference to the non-disclosure of unclassified information. In a subsequent meeting between the Director, the Secrecy Agreement was further revised by the Director which resulted in its approval by the DCI in the form as attached.

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2. It is the opinion of this Office that perhaps in the discussions with the Director, the specific viewpoint of the Security Office was not fully explored and consequently, this Office desires that the draft of the feeresy Agreement be reconsidered with the following points emphasized.

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this connection it is noted that MECID #12 states in part "....amy publicity, factual or fictional, conserning intelligence is potentially detrimental to the effectiveness of an intelligence activity and to the national security" and that "....agencies represented by membership on the Intelligence Advisory Committee shall take steps to prevent the unauthorised disclosure for written or oral publication of any information of intelligence or intelligence activities".

As a corollary to MECID #12, CIA Regulation requires that all unofficial publications and public utterances be approved by the Security Office.

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h. The Secrecy Agreement was intentionally entitled "Agreement" since it actually represents a contractual obligation on the part of the employee which is a condition procedent to his employment by the Agency. As such, it is believed it can contain any reasonable limitations on the activities of employees that the Director of Central Intelligence deems necessary to carry out his legal responsibilities. The emforcement of its previsions may be by termination of employment and/or possible prosecution in the event of violation of the Espionage Act.

5. In view of the above, it is recommended that the attached version of the Secrecy Agreement (Enclosure 2) be submitted to the Director of Central Intelligence for approval.

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1. Memoranda dtd 25 Oct 54 & 22 Oct 54 from Office of General Counsel (with ettach.)

2. Secrecy Agreement dtd 1 Dec 54

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